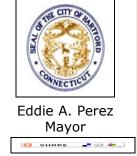


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Hartford Police Make multiple Firearm and Narcotics Arrests

Hartford, Conn. – On December 30, 2009, at approximately 7:19 p.m. officers were conducting a plainclothes detail neighborhood when they observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the area of 179 Nahum Drive that was occupied by two parties. As a result of their investigation, officers recovered a loaded .45 caliber pistol and a box of .45 caliber ammunition and arrested the following two parties:

- Aqwan Huff (04/08/88) of 70 Madison Road, Glastonbury, CT who was charged with Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree, Weapons in a Motor vehicle and Carrying a Pistol without a Permit.
- Rakeem Chambers (11/05/91) of 188 Granby Street, Hartford who was charged with Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree, Weapons in a Motor vehicle and Carrying a Pistol without a Permit.

Also on December 30, 2009, at approximately 7:45 p.m., detectives from the Hartford Police Department's Vice and Narcotics Division conducted a narcotics investigation in the area of 142 Clark Street. The investigation led to the seizure of 157 bags of heroin, 14.5 grams of powdered cocaine, 7 grams of crack cocaine, materials used to package and distribute narcotics, a Smith and Wesson .44 caliber revolver and .44 caliber ammunition. As a result of that investigation, the following two parties were arrested:

- Luis Rodriguez (04/16/81) of 142 Clark Street, Apt 3S, Hartford who was charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Possession of Narcotics, Sale of Narcotics, Sale of Narcotics within 1500' of a School and Operating a Drug Factory.
- James McCann (09/01/80) of 58 Lakeview Street, Meriden was charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics within 1500' of a School.

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